THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Wednesday, the 5th March 1958.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Raffles in aid of religious and charitable institutions

* 40 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal before the Government to exempt the raffles in aid of religious and charitable institutions from the ban imposed on such raffles and lotteries;

(*b*) whether any applications for such exemption have been received by the Government from religious and charitable institutions; and

(*c*) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) No, Sir

(*b*) Yes, Sir.

(*c*) The Government have refused permission as it is their settled policy not to permit lotteries or raffles of any kind in this State, whether the object is private gain or public good and however laudable the object may be.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN: Is the Hon. Minister aware if there is any rule in our State prohibiting the sale of tickets of raffles and lotteries conducted in other States? They sell their tickets in our State.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Yes, Sir. Perhaps it is so.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM: Will the Government consider the question of relaxation of the rule in the case of the poor and needy religious institutions, at the same time making provision for special safeguards against misuse of the concession?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Just as the Government are not able to make any distinction between charitable and other purposes, so also in this matter they are not able to make any distinction between poor and needy institutions and others.

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DR. V. K. JOHN : May I take it that the object of the Government is to create virtue in people by preventing raffles?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I do not know, Sir, how far the Deputy Leader of the Opposition believes in these things. But, anyhow, the Government try to avoid vices to the extent possible.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Is there anything in law to prevent the sale in our State of raffle tickets of other States?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : This is being looked into.

Language Pandits

* 41 *Q*.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the higher grade and secondary grade teacher training courses are considered sufficient for Pandits handling languages such as Tamil, Sanskrit and Hindi in the higher forms of high schools?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The higher grade training qualification is inadequate. The secondary grade teacher training course is considered sufficient.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : In view of the fact that the methods of teaching languages are almost the same in the case of higher grade and secondary grade training courses, will the Government kindly consider the case of those Tamil Pandits who have this higher grade training as persons eligible for handling higher forms and for drawing that higher salary?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : No, Sir. There is no proposal to consider this question.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Government kindly examine the question in view of the fact that the methods of teaching languages are practically the same in the two training courses and see whether this is feasible?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : This has already been examined.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Is it a fact that a Sanskrit Siromani who has passed the S.S.L.C. Examination and who has undergone Hindi Pracharak Training is considered ineligible to handle Sanskrit classes in higher forms and is considered as not having training for handling Sanskrit?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I want notice, Sir.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : In view of the fact that the Hindi Prachar Sabha is recognized by the Government and the Pracharak Training in no way falls short of the training given to Pandits or the training given to other secondary grade men, will